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FEES CALCULATION: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below:					
	NOW	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	<u>\$</u>
☐ TOTAL CLAIMS	7	- 20	0	X \$ 50 =	0
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TOTAL OF ALL FEES =					0

Payment by credit card. FORM PTO-2038 in the amount of \$ is attached.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee, additional fee or extension fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555:

(1) if no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith; or

(2) if no petition for extension of time is enclosed but an EOT is required - and in this event, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Date: October 18, 2006

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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## SIR:

In response to the Advisory Action dated October 2, 2006, and in conjunction with Applicants' RCE filed on October 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in Attachment A.
- Remarks to this amendment are presented herewith in Attachment B.

In view of the amendments made and the remarks provided, it is submitted that the present application has now been placed in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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